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Home for the Holidays



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GREETINGS AND WELCOME FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

This is LJYO's 23rd season and my 23rd year with the orchestra. This year, we have 40 musicians gathering every Saturday morning to rehearse. It is a thrill and privilege to work with these young people and witness their accomplishments. From our first rehearsal, the music began to take shape.

Our Home for the Holidays concert includes new arrangements of Christmas music along with holiday favorites such as Sleigh Ride and the Bells of Christmas. In addition, we have tackled the first movement of Mozart's last Symphony – number 41. It was posthumously nicknamed "Jupiter" because the opening theme reminded conductors of the Roman God Jupiter throwing thunderbolts.

Our members range in age from 10 to 18 and we have 10 fabulous coaches who provide tremendous support to our youth. For this concert, we are welcoming families to be physically present, and these family units are socially distanced. We thank those watching from home for understanding our precautions and purchasing an on-line ticket. How wonderful to be able to share our concert to such a wide audience, make music and stay safe. We know you are there, we appreciate your support and, since we can't hear your applause, we hope you will send us your feedback at marketing@ljyo.ca.

Thank you to so many for making this possible: our donors, our sponsors, our coaches, and our hard-working Board of Directors. And thank you especially to the parents who volunteer for many supporting activities.

Enjoy the show and have a wonderful holiday season!

Laurie Mitchell

LJYO 2021 CONCERT SEASON

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Usher in the season with heart-warming traditional carols and orchestral favourites.



Sunday December 5, 2021 • 3:00pm

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

An annual opportunity for some of our most accomplished and talented young musicians to be featured *In the Spotlight*, backed by the full orchestra.



Sunday February 27 2022 • 3:00pm

SONIC BLOOM

The LJYO season culminates in *Sonic Bloom*, our symphonic welcome to the springtime.



Sunday May 8 2022 • 3:00 pm

Venues for concerts and in-person attendance limits to be determined based on Covid restrictions.

Home for the Holidays 2021

Christmas Overture	Evgeny Yamshanov
Mary, Did you Know?	Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene (Soloist –Rylee Smith)
Allegro from Jupiter Symphony (No. 41, Mvt. 1)	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
White Christmas	Irving Berlin, arranged by B. Chase
Christmas Eve/Sarajevo	P. O'Neill and R. Kinkel
Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson
Hark the Herald Angels Sing, traditional	arranged by David Willcocks
Bells of Christmas	B. Krogstad

Please note that flash photography and video recording are not permitted during the concert.

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Laurie Mitchell, Music Director
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Violin I	Amelia Lane	Flute
Parsa Barari	Madison Lepage	Rylee Smith
Sidney Gallimore	Ireland Moore	Emily Yourt
** Maya Gardzinski	Sam Ninan	*Ray Moore
Luke Gardzinski	Katie Simser	Clarinet
Sophie Goodfellow	Viola	*Mark Vining
Era Gragjevi	Ignatius Gardzinski	French Horn
Daniel Hughes	Ardian Gragjevi	*Lorne Horwood
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Olivia Mullings	Bass	* Tom Box
Kristen Woodward	* Luc Arsenault	Orchestra Manager
Violin II	Zach Arsenault	Frank Gallimore
Caleb Arsenault	*Jake Loyst	Orchestra Leader
Chelsea Collins	Trumpet/Piano	Kathleen Goodfellow
Connor Demrovsky	*Jeff Mitchell	Percussion
Kateri Gardzinski	Cello	Kevin Chocorlan
Kathleen Goodfellow	Jacob Gardzinski	Kathleen Goodfellow
Preston Hendricks	Benedict Hughes	
Eva Jung	*Jon Lepage	
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GREETINGS FROM THE ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR

It is my great pleasure to be entering my first full season with the orchestra in the role of Assistant Music Director. It has indeed been a privilege to work with such dedicated and driven young players in preparation for today's concert. In addition, it has also been enjoyable getting to know more about who they are aside from their musical abilities. What an exceptional group of young people you have performing for you today!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention how fortunate it is to be able to work with the amazing coaches, who share their valuable time, immense talent, and knowledge with our young musicians. The coaches are an integral part of LJYO. I say this not only as a conductor but as a father whose son played in LJYO for many years before graduating and moving to university, and as a high school teacher who has had many students play in LJYO. My son and my students always expressed how much they learned from the coaches musically and how they looked up to them as role models.

I would also like to thank the Board of Directors and all the LJYO volunteers without whose tireless work we wouldn't have been able to have this concert to kick off the Holiday Season. I hope you enjoy the concert as much as we have enjoyed preparing for it.

Happy Holidays!
Kevin Chocorlan

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We hope you enjoyed today's performance. The talent, passion and dedication of our musicians are an inspiration to us all. Concerts of this calibre are a major financial undertaking for LJYO.

We invite you to join us in furthering opportunities for our members and for enhancing LJYO's role in our region's culture by making a financial contribution.

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